

Zapata Rail (*Cyanolimnas cerverai*)

Conservation Concern Category:
Highest Concern

Population Trend (PT)

Declining—(Delany and Scott 2002; Birdlife International 2005)

“species was easily found in 1931...subsequently there were no records, despite occasional searches...bird's former distribution was wider...” (Taylor 1998)

“species is more common than previously thought...still qualifies as Endangered because it is confined to a single area, where habitat loss and predation are almost certainly resulting in reduction of its very small range and population.” ...decline of 1 to 9% over 10 years...” (Birdlife International 2005)

PT FACTOR SCORE=5

Population Size (PS)

250-1,000 individuals (Delany and Scott 2002; Birdlife International 2005)

“very few records in recent decades suggest that its population is very small...” (Taylor 1998)

PS FACTOR SCORE=4-5

Threats to Breeding Populations (TB)

“extensive grass-cutting for roof thatch...most serious threats appear to be dry-season burning of habitat...introduced predators (mongoose, rat)...small areas have been drained...” (Taylor 1998)

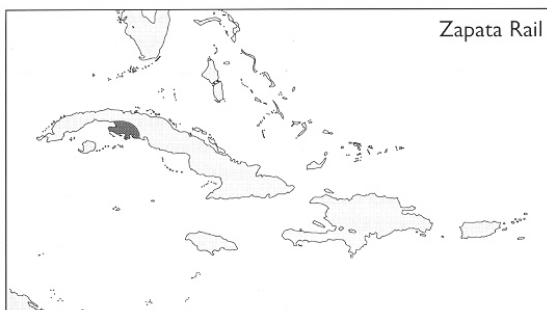
“habitat loss/degradation(agriculture)...” (Birdlife International 2005)

TB FACTOR SCORE=4

Threats to Non-breeding Populations (TN)

TN FACTOR SCORE=4

Global Range (Taylor 1998; entire range within plan area)



Breeding Distribution (BD)

Zapata Swamp: W Central Cuba (Delany and Scott 2002)

“occurs in 1,010 km² on northern side of the 4,500 km² Zapata Swamp, south-west Cuba...” (Birdlife International 2005)

21,900 km² (plan area distribution; estimated from range maps)

BD FACTOR SCORE=5

Non-breeding Distribution (ND)

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ND FACTOR SCORE=5

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